

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) seeks written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for Walker Creek, Town Creek, East Wilderness Creek, Nobusiness Creek, Kimberling Creek, and Little Walker Creek in Bland and Giles Counties. These streams are listed on the 2012 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired due to violations of the State's water quality standards for bacteria.

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and §62.1-44.19:7.C of the State Water Control Law requires DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) Priority List and Report.

The impaired segments include: 33.53 miles of Walker Creek from the Route 52 crossing to the confluence with Kimberling Creek; 4.40 miles of Town Creek from the headwaters downstream to the confluence with Crab Orchard Creek; 3.35 miles of East Wilderness Creek from the confluence with Wolf Pen Branch upstream 3.2 miles; 4.88 miles of Kimberling Creek from the Hiram Thompson Branch confluence upstream to Hazel Branch; 6.72 miles of Nobusiness Creek from the confluence with Kimberling Creek upstream 6.4 miles.

The final public meeting on the development of the TMDL to address the bacteria impairments for these segments will be held on November 19, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Bland County Public Library located at 697 Main Street, Bland, VA 24315.

The public comment period will begin on November 19, 2015 and end on December 21, 2015.

A component of a TMDL is the Waste Load Allocations (WLAs); therefore, this notice is provided pursuant to §2.2-4006.A.14 of the Administrative Process Act for any future adoption of the TMDL's associated WLAs. Information on the development of the TMDLs for these impairments is available upon request. Questions or information requests should be addressed to:

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Please note, all written comments should include name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to DEQ contact person:

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